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AS SOON AS TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, REQUEST I CORPS  
ROIC REPORT FURTHER DETAILS ON INCIDENT IN <sup>TIENT</sup> PHUOC DISTRICT  
OF QUANG TIN PROVINCE WHERE TWENTY CHILDREN KILLED ON 23 FEBRU-  
ARY (PARA SIX OF REF). THIS INCIDENT, IF IT WAS INDEED DELIBERATE  
AS PRELIMINARY REPORTING INDICATES, HAS TREMENDOUS PSYCH AND  
PROPAGANDA POTENTIAL. STAGE HAS BEEN FORTUITOUSLY SET FOR  
PLAY ON THIS THEME BY VERY DRAMATIC ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO OF  
CRYING FATHER CARRYING HIS CHILD DYING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY  
VC SHELLING OF SAIGON. THIS PICTURE GOT THREE COLUMN PLAY  
ON FRONT PAGE OF 24 FEBRUARY EDITIONS OF BOTH WASHINGTON POST  
AND NEW YORK TIMES.

END OF MESSAGE

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